



On Behalf Of Steven Soos
Sent: June 25, 2025 9:30 AM
To: Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>
Subject: State of emergency

Good day Durham Regional Council,

My name is Steven Soos, I am the state of emergency advocate for mental health, homelessness and addiction in the Niagara Region for the last five years.

I am writing to Durham Regional Council after a resident from City of Pickering requested that Pickering declare a state of emergency on these issues. Of course, Pickering is apart of Durham and this is a Regional issue with the Regional municipality being responsible for service delivery.

The article from Jeff Brown can be found via this link: [Letter: Activist called "justice personified" in heartfelt letter](#)

There is a ton of media available in Niagara on the state of emergency issue. I also believe that Durham Region should establish an emergency operations committee on this issue.

The state of emergency in Niagara was successful in securing 20.8 million dollars for homeless prevention for the Region in 2023.

If any of the Regional politicians have any further questions about the state of emergency, please email me at



Thank-you,

Steven Soos,

